



## CITY OF SIMI VALLEY



Council Member Ruth Luevanos was elected to the City Council in November 2018.

Council Member Luevanos has worked at various K-12 schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District for the past twenty years where she has worked with at-risk students, parents and communities. She is currently a full time cross-curricular teacher and Girls Build LA advisor at John R. Wooden High School which is a California Model Continuation School. She is a National Board Certified Teacher in Social Studies who has worked to promote civic education, college and career preparation skills, and has led many parent workshops. As a National Board Certified teacher, she has been a mentor teacher for pre-service and current K-12 teachers in LAUSD. She has presented at several state and national conferences, including the National Council for Social Studies, the California Council for Social Studies, the National Council for Geography Education, and the American Education Research Association.

Council Member Luevanos is a former board member for the California Council for Social Studies where she was the chair for the Committee of Diversity and Social Justice, a member of the Legislative Committee, and conference co-chair. She is the chair of the Instructional Committee for the National Council for Social Studies, a member of the NCSS House of Delegates, and a former National Council for Geography Education Middle School Teacher of the Year. She is a former Teach Plus Fellow for Los Angeles where she worked on public policy issues in education.

Council Member Luevanos is the first Latina to serve on the City Council. Council Member Luevanos currently serves on the Clean Power Alliance, Neighborhood Council #1 Liaison, Southern California Association of Governments General Assembly Voting Representative, Task Force on Homelessness, Ventura Council of Governments and Youth Council Liaison. She has been an active leader and continues to be a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of Simi Valley. She is a merit badge counselor, assistant scout leader and member of the Order of the Arrow for the Boy Scouts of Simi Valley. She has been a volunteer mentor for at risk youth through the L.A. Teamworks program that mentors at-risk youth through team building activities, extra-curricular field trips, and community service.

Council Member Luevanos earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from George Washington University, her Master's in Instructional Leadership from Argosy University, and her Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School. She holds California Teaching Credentials in Multiple Subjects and Social Studies. She served as President of the Student Bar Association of Loyola Law School, a member of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Moot Court Team, and a member of the Hispanic Moot Court Team.

Council Member Luevanos has lived in Simi Valley for almost two decades with her husband, who is an attorney, and their two children who both attend public schools in Simi Valley.